

THE FOREST NEWS

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HOA Board Meeting

*Thursday,
December 3, 2015
7:00 PM
MUD Building
Budget Meeting
At Clubhouse*

Red Bow Sale

*10 AM to 4 PM
Saturday, Dec. 5th
Saturday, Dec. 12th*

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calls from a 202
area code. Many are
associated with various
scams.*

Annual December Yard Decorating Judging

*Sunday, December 13th
6:00 PM
Please have your lights on!*

✧ Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays ✧

The season is here to enjoy time with family and friends. It is also a time of reflection and looking ahead. As you do so, we ask that you consider how you may become more involved in our community in 2016. Greenwood Forest is a unique neighborhood that all of us selected to live in. Homeowners are encouraged to become involved in the HOA. Voting for board members, either in person or by proxy, is an important way to ensure your voice is heard in the community. Serving on a committee or the Board, and attending HOA monthly meetings are all ways to become involved in your HOA. The goal is to improve and maintain our neighborhood as a quality place to live.



The Board of Directors serves as the business leadership for the Homeowners Association and we are searching for ways to improve the participation of our Homeowners. We are planning to hold two events in January to educate residents (new and old) about the role and purpose of the HOA as well as the obligations of owners and residents. This will be a great opportunity to have questions answered in a more casual atmosphere than the annual meeting held in February. Please watch for the dates in the January newsletter and on the marquee in front of the Clubhouse. We hope you will attend. Again, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Annual Assessments

Our annual assessment bills have been sent out. Please remember that payments are due on January 1, 2016, and will be past due on February 1, 2016. Any payments made after that date will have interest applied. Also accounts that are chronically past due may have already been assessed additional collection fees. These will be reflected in the bill you receive.

Greenwood Forest HOA dues are among the lowest in our area, yet support one

of the largest facilities in Harris County. They pay for our Constable Patrol contract and street lights, allowing us to enjoy one of the lowest community crime rates in the county as well. Dues also pay for management of our association and the care of all common areas, including the esplanades and entrances in Greenwood.

If for any reason you do not receive your statement, or misplace it, call Caroline at (281) 444-3522.

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Fire Department

HOLIDAY SAFETY

SAFE SHOPPING

- Be aware of your surroundings
- Have car keys ready
- Conceal or keep your personal belongings



CHRISTMAS TREES

- Choose a moist, fresh tree and cut a 1"-2" diagonal slice off the bottom
- Keep your tree watered daily
- Don't place the tree in a high traffic area
- Remove tree from residence as soon as holiday season is over for recycle if available. **DO NOT BURN** the tree.
- Never place a lit candle on or near a tree

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LIGHTS

- Check for frayed wiring
- Keep bulbs that get warm away from combustible materials
- Don't connect more than three sets of lights to an extension cord
- Unplug lighting when away from home or asleep

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PLAN AHEAD FOR HOME MAINTENANCE

February and March are excellent months to paint the exterior of your home. Temperatures can be cooperative for outside work. Here are a few tips before starting work:

- Remember to submit and ACC request for approval before starting any exterior work.
- Before choosing paint colors, consider the amount of light falling on the surfaces. Light can play a major role in what color looks like.
- Always consider the brick and mortar color as well as the roof color
- Without exception, get a sample of the color you are considering to test. Put the paint on a board and check it around your home and in varying light conditions to see how the color is affected.

GREENWOOD FOREST HOA 2016 BUDGET

Revenue:

HOA Dues	\$790,600
Transfer Fees	14,400
MUD Security Fee	18,000
Rental Fees	17,400
Newsletter Fees	21,600
Miscellaneous Income	28,140
Interest Income	840
Total Revenues	890,980

Expenses:

Insurance	41,500
Constable Patrol	373,236
Repairs & Maintenance	76,100
Compensation	106,047
Swimming Pool	52,568
Professional Fees	32,600
Utility fees	108,470
Newsletter Expense	19,200
Miscellaneous Expenses	33,184
Depreciation Expense	48,000
Total Expenses	890,905

Excess of Revenues over Expenses **\$75**

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Women's Club

December, the month of giving, receiving and eating. Members of this club will have opportunities to be able to do all of these – at the Christmas party on the 10th and special lunches for some of the activities.

November Meeting – After hearing about and viewing the fine details of the three types of original paper weights, and learning of the considerable value any single one is worth these days from Mr. Art Elder, we know what to look for if lucky enough to see a paper weight at an antique or thrift shop. The food and decorations definitely had a fall, Thanksgiving theme with Pilgrim figurines, pumpkin, a turkey, flowers and foliage of autumn colors. The table was arranged and provided by sections 7 and 14. Many thanks to those who contributed.

New members to welcome - Kathleen Gage, Shirley Gouch-Bell, Paula Lansford, Nora Martinez and Era West.

December 10th at 11:00 AM, the members of Women's and Home and Garden Clubs will get together in the clubhouse to celebrate "The Twelve Days of Christmas", at a luncheon catered by New Seasons. The last day the \$25.00 will be accepted is December 4th. There is no gift exchange, instead members will gift to NAM (Northwest Assistance Ministries) by bringing full sized toiletry items—soap, body wash,

deodorant, hair products, toothpaste and brushes, etc.; for the Family Violence Center. Non-perishable food items; or cash/check, are always gratefully received but especially at this time of the year when Thanksgiving and Christmas Meals are given out.

So bring along your gift, come enjoy the food that you haven't had to prepare, and the pleasure of good company.

Wineaux Christmas Evening at 6:30 PM on December 11 at Doris and Tom Johnson 5507 Spanish Oak. A-L brings wine, M-Z brings appetizers. If you are not already a member, please bring \$5.00 per person for dues in an envelope with your name on it.

The January meeting will provide the opportunity to learn more about Brookwood's Helping Hands from Luke Ellis.

February: the 27th, is the night of the "Moonlight and Roses" social and dinner with musical entertainment. This is always a great evening, so mark it on your calendar.

Red Bows: by the time you receive this- hopefully they have been sold or in the process of being sold.

Women's Club Book Club in December will discuss 'The Promise' by Anne Weingarber; a new slant on the great Galveston hurricane.

Antique Group will have a Christmas lunch 16 December, at Strata (the Vintage area on Louetta) at 11:30 AM; bring a gift (\$15.00) for the Sneaky Santa exchange.

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Home & Garden Club

The Garden Club and Women's Club will join together again this year for the annual festive Christmas luncheon at the clubhouse on Thursday December 10th. The cost is \$25.00 and the reservation cut off date is Friday December 4th. The theme is "The 12 Days of Christmas" with the fun starting at 11:00. There will be a delicious catered meal to enjoy and some "unique" entertainment by members. We look forward to this joyous start to our holiday season!

Don't forget to bring your donations for Northwest Assistance Ministries Family Violence Center. They are in need of full sized toiletry items (shampoo, body wash, bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.) They always welcome non-perishable food items for the food pantry and, of course, cash contributions.

Charlotte Kelly of Garden Club and Joyce Howes of Women's Club have been working very hard to put this event on and we really appreciate their efforts and the committee members that volunteered to help.

Yard of the Month for November went to Dianne Henderson at 5914 Miller Valley. A beautiful yard contributes so much to the street we live on and to the whole subdivision.

Once again, members have been busy selling Red Bows since the weekend after Thanksgiving. Watch for these enthusiastic "sales ladies" on the corner of Champion Forest Drive and Lodge Creek Drive from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The cost is still just \$4.00 per

bow or 4 for \$15.00. These bows have long been a Christmas decorating tradition in our neighborhood and our goal is a red bow on every mailbox. A big thank you to Joyce Schnell who has spearheaded Red Bows this year.

Speaking of decorating tradition, a crew of volunteers will be out judging the neighborhood holiday decorations on Sunday December 13th at 6:00 PM. Please turn on your lights or other illumination so that the judges can get a good look as they drive by. 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded to the top decorators. A special treat this year are the new signs designating the winners.

See you at the Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 10th at 11:00 AM and Happy Holidays to All!

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YARD OF THE MONTH
5914 Miller Valley
Dianne Henderson

Yard-of-the-Month for November was selected from homes on the west side of Champion Forest Drive.

Security & Safety

HOME SECURITY CHECKLIST

With the approach of the holidays comes an increase in crime due to the added opportunities the criminal element has at their disposal. Listed below are a number of useful hints posted by area Law Enforcement to help make your shopping safer. In today's world it would be a good idea to make these suggestions a part of your everyday life and not just during the holidays.

- Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you.
- Shop with a friend whenever possible. There is safety in numbers.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Pay for purchases with a check or credit card.
- If possible, carry only your driver's license, necessary credit cards or personal checks.
- If you must carry a purse, do not wrap straps around your arms or shoulders. You could risk injury from a would-be purse snatcher.
- Do not carry wallets in a back pocket.
- When possible, slip bags/purchases in a nondescript bag(s).
- Watch your purchases while eating in mall food courts; bags can be easily snatched.
- Have your car keys ready in hand before leaving the store.
- Ask shopping center security for an escort to your car if you are uncomfortable walking alone.
- Glance in the back seat and under your vehicle before getting in.

While at home during the holidays:

- Keep the outside of your home well lighted with doors locked and window curtains closed.
- Do not display gifts beneath your Christmas tree to be seen from windows or doors.
- After the holidays, do not advertise gifts received by the boxes left for garbage collection. Destroy boxes and place them in sealed garbage bags.



CRIME WATCH

The next Crime Watch meeting will be on Wednesday, December 9th at 7 PM in the Clubhouse. Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

OCTOBER 2015 PATROL STATISTICS

Type of Activity	No.
Burglary of a Habitation	1
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	1
Theft from a Habitation	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle	1
Theft - Other	0
Robbery	0
Assault	0
Sexual Assault	0
Criminal Mischief	2
Disturbance - Family	2
Disturbance - Juvenile	2
Disturbance - Other	13
Alarms	14
Suspicious Vehicles	23
Suspicious Persons	11
Runaways	2
Telephone Harassment	0
Other Calls	90
Citations	112

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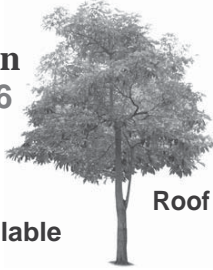
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NOVEMBER BRIDGE SCORES

2nd Thursday Evening Duplicate Bridge*

1. Chuck and Diane Nott
2. Ron Kowalczyk and Bob Smith
3. Pat Jacques and Joyce Schnell

* The December bridge on December 10th will be our annual Christmas Bridge. We will begin at 6:30 and each person will bring an appetizer or wine. If you would like to be a member of this group that meets on the second Thursday night of each month, please call Joyce at (281) 444-3461.

Women's Club Monday Bridge †

1. Sandy Davis
2. Rosina Boswell

† Women's Club bridge group plays on the second Monday of each month.



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Community News (continued)

TIMELY TIPS FOR DECEMBER GARDENERS

Working in your garden is an excellent escape during the holidays. It's a great time of year to do some of the heavy work in the landscape as opposed to sweating it up in the heat of the summer. And don't put up the mower yet. Although turf grasses have stopped growing, you can use the mower to chop up and recycle the leaves back into the lawn or for a compost pile.

Remember to prepare gas-powered engines for winter. The owner's manual is the best guide to winterizing a lawn mower, or other power equipment. Drain and store garden hoses and watering equipment in a readily accessible location. Lawns and other plants may need an occasional watering during a prolonged dry spell. Once the weather gets and stays cold, pruning of

deciduous plants (ones that lose their leaves) can be safely done. Evergreen hedges can be sheared or cut back in the winter also. Wait until February to prune your roses. Remember – Do Not Top your Crape myrtles. Simply prune to remove seed heads and shape.

One of the best things you can do for your landscape plants is to provide a 2 to 3 inch layer of mulch. Mulching is necessary year round but during the colder periods it provides a layer of insulation for the roots. Water your landscape well before a cold spell. A drought stressed plant is more susceptible to freeze damage. For more tender plants, purchase frost cloth for extra protection. Cover the plant completely allowing the edges to come all the way to the ground, utilizing the heat which radiates from the ground.

BOY SCOUT EAGLE PROJECT FOOD DRIVE

Hi, I'm Nathanael Duty. I'm a GWF resident that is planning a food drive for my Boy Scout Eagle Project. I will be collecting nonperishable food items December 10-19 for True Light Baptist Church. The church is located in inner-city Houston and its Food and Clothing Distribution Ministry benefits needy families and homeless in that area. The ministry is in constant need of non-perishable food items. If you have non-perishable food items to donate, please call (713) 252-2906. Thank you for your help.

CUB SCOUT PACK 440

Cub Scout Pack 440 will be holding their annual food drive now through December 20, 2015. If you would like to make a canned food donation, please contact Charlotte Sziy at sziy@sbcglobal.net or (832) 971-1971. Don't forget, you can join scouting any time of the year! We welcome all 1st-5th grade boys to come have fun! Our next Pack meeting will be at Kinsmen Lutheran Church, 12100 Champion Forest Dr., at 7 PM on November 17th.

THE 1960 PC USERS GROUP

The 1960 PC Users Group has several meetings each month on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are a nonprofit organization with "members helping members" with their personal computers, the latest technology, and digital cameras. Visitors are welcome! Location: Cypress Creek Christian Church and Community Center, 6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX 77379 • All meetings are from 7-9 PM
Thursday, December 3, 2015: Annual Christmas Party with friends, food, prizes, fun, and a movie for members and guests. For changes, details, and directions go to www.1960pcug.org. The next regular meetings will be in January.

Holiday Luncheon

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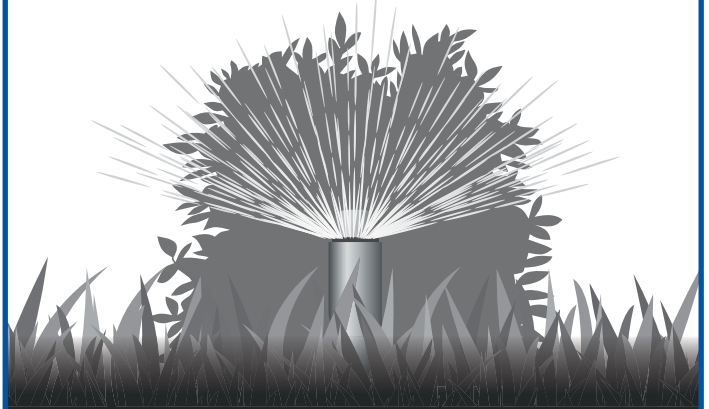
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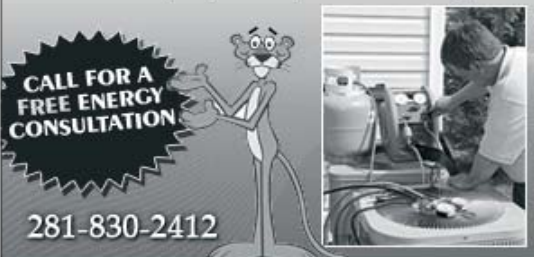
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Denise Delmedico - Deed Restrictions

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Quilters – 9 AM Women's Book Club – 9:30 AM Bridge – 1 PM	3 Women's Club Board Meeting 9:30 AM HOA Board Mtg – MUD Bldg – 7 PM	4 Fun 4 Seniors Holiday Luncheon – 11:30 AM	5 Red Bow Sale – 10 AM – 4 PM
6	7 Billiards – Adult Room – 7 PM	8	9 Quilters – 9 AM Bridge – 1 PM Crime Watch Meeting Ballroom – 7 PM	10 Women's Club & Garden Club Christmas Luncheon Thurs. Night Dup. Bridge Adult Room – 6:30 PM	11	12 Red Bow Sale – 10 AM – 4 PM
13	14 Women's Club Bridge 9:30 AM – Adult Room WCID 109 Board Mtg – MUD Bldg – 7 PM Billiards – Adult Room – 7 PM	15 ESD Meeting at Fire Station – 7 PM	16 Quilters – 9 AM Bridge – 1 PM	17	18 Night Bridge – 7 PM	19
20	21 Billiards – Adult Room – 7 PM	22	23 Office Closed	24 Office Closed	25 Office Closed MERRY CHRISTMAS	26
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